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ANNUAL REPORT

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1869 & 1870.

Town of Bedford in account with Daniel Barnard, Town Treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1870.

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1869. Feb. 28, Paid old order,	11 77
Paid orders drawn by the Selectmen for 1869,	6,440 10
Arrearage of School money assessed 1868,	45 45
School tax in full for 1869,	1,283 60
State tax paid by Collector,	2,466 00
County, " " " "	691 37
Due from Collector for 1869,	3,310 75
Cash on hand,	439 42
	————— \$14,688 46

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Assets from Treasurer of 1868,	\$3,095 89
Whole amount of taxes assessed for 1869,	10,430 40
Savings Bank tax,	840 93
Railroad tax,	181 66
Literary Fund,	55 00
Rec'd of J. Hodgman interest on taxes for 1867,	13 77
Rec'd of J. T. Kendall taxes not on his list,	10 31
Interest from " " taxes of 1868,	40 00
Received of the Selectmen,	1 50
Received of the Selectmen nineteen dollars, it being money collected of the town of Sunna- pee for the board of Clogston children,	19 00
	————— \$14,688 46

DANIEL BARNARD, Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Wm. W. Wilkins for services as town com. super- intending S. C. and stationery,	80 00
Wm. McAllaster services as selectman,	83 00
Silas Holbrook, " "	47 00
S. E. Morrison, " "	59 00
W. C. Parker, services as constable,	5 00
Charles Gage, " treasurer,	30 00
J. H. Stevens, " surveyor,	2 00
Jas T. Kendall, cash paid C. F. Livingston for printing town reports in 1869,	35 00
Jas T. Kendall, for collecting taxes and taking care of town house in 1868,	120 00
I. H. Johnson, taking down and putting up fence,	1 50
J. H. Stevens abatement of dog tax in 1868,	1 00
Eri Kittridge for abatement of a part of his tax in 1868,	5 00
Daniel Barnard, money advanced to pay L. C. French, Mary S. Campbell and Paul Camp- bell's notes,	640 99
Daniel Barnard, money advanced to pay Miss Clough's note,	728 00
J. T. Kendall, abatement of James H. Moor's tax and Miss Mary Ann Campbell's dog tax,	5 41
Daniel Barnard for money advanced to pay T. Moody's and H. D. Corles' land damage,	90 00
J. H. McAfee, damage to carriage,	3 00
R. M. Rollins, school house tax dist. No. 4,	75 00
Edward Barr, school house tax dist. No. 7,	125 00
Frances Carlton, abatement of his tax in 1869,	17 72
Lucinda Carley, interest on note,	36 12
Robert McGaw, abatement of a part of his tax in 1869,	13 26
John Hodgman, abatement of George B. Moor's, Haines & Wallace, James Harvell's, Henry W. Farr, taxes in part for 1869,	13 96
John Hodgman, for book and stationery,	5 58
John Hodgman, removing safe and effects,	5 50

John Hodgman, cash paid State treasurer, for settlement of U. S. bounties,	20 00
Daniel Barnard, money advanced to pay Josephene Campbell's note,	641 62
Daniel Barnard paid interest, G. Nevins' note,	200 00
Adam Campbell, for damage to sleigh,	2 75
John Hodgman, abatement of R. C. French's tax,	3 00
Asa Carley, taking down and putting up fence,	1 50
John Hodgman, for paying interest on Sam'l Chandler's note,	180 00
Daniel Barnard, for interest paid Amoskeag bank,	48 75
Daniel Barnard, money advanced to pay note in part to Amoskeag Bank,	600 00
Daniel Barnard, paid interest on G. Nevins note,	80 00
John Hodgman for abatement of Paul Abbot, Achsah Patten, Wm. Shepard, Nath'l Flint, and L. C. French's tax, said taxes being erroneously assessed,	45 00
Daniel Barnard, money advanced to pay in part, a note at the Manchester Bank,	404 00
D. Barnard, money advanced to pay interest on note at Amoskeag Bank,	50 00
C. H. Moore, Cash paid W. H. Fisk for books and stationery,	7 56
D. Barnard, cash paid for blank book,	1 50
C. H. Moore, for wood furnished town house,	2 50
John Hodgman, abatement of Amos Harris' highway tax which was worked out,	2 40
W. W. Wilkins, returning births and deaths,	7 25
C. H. Moore, cash paid for statutes,	5 00
Daniel Barnard for three sheep killed by dogs,	17 00
	<hr/> \$4,547 87

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Silas Holbrook, breaking roads, 1869,	\$1 25
James T. Kendall, " " 1868,	4 75
B. W. Nichols, " " 1865-6-7-8,	22 21
B. H. Smith, " " 1868,	8 96
W. S. Gage. labor on highway, 1869,	19 31

Horace Holbrook, “ “	22 75
W. H. Farr, “ “	9 35
W. S. & Moses Gage, “ “	7 04
G. W. Webber, “ “	3 00
Stephen Goffe, “ “	23 75
D. C. & E. G. Tolford, “ “	21 00
Reuben Bugbee, “ “	5 00
S. A. Shepard, “ “	14 60
T. F. Moor, “ “	33 18
J. H. Durgin, for building new road,	300 00
E. G. Newton, labor on highway,	41 52
Isaac C. Cutler, “ “	3 00
W. A. Flint breaking roads,	8 92
David Sprague, “ “	3 23
Alford Jones, labor on highway, and lumber,	53 62
Horace Holbrook, building new road,	98 00
W. C. Parker, labor on highway, 1869,	28 00
C. Wyman, blasting stone on new road, near J. H. McQuesten's,	60 60
Daniel Barnard, money to pay advertising and selling the building of new road,	12 56
P. T. Campbell, labor on and breaking roads,	11 08
Sanford Roby, “ roads,	4 00
L. C. French, “ New Boston,	77 35
Josiah Walker, “ highway,	13 00
Michael Boynton, repairing bridge,	10 24
J. H. Tinker, labor on highway,	10 36
S. P. Duncklee, railing for, and repairing bridge,	33 75
John Stevens, labor on, and repairing roads,	12 60
W. C. Parker, “ “ breaking roads,	8 00
S. A. Shepard, “ “ “	16 35
W. M. Darrah, “ “ “	19 50
Wm. McAfee, “ “ “	2 10
Wm. U. Gage, “ “ “	9 50
Stephen Goffe, “ “ “	9 10
S. Manning, “ “ “	11 00
Walter Gage, “ “ “ in 1868, 1869, and 1870,	8 04
Ralph Holbrook, do.,	12 00
D. G. Atwood, labor on, and breaking roads, 1869,	7 89

C. H. Moore,	“	on Amherst road,	4 00
D. R. Barnard,	“	“	2 40
T. F. Moore,	“	and breaking,	8 92
E. G. Newton,	“	“	11 65
A. Q. Gage,	“	“	8 50
C. M. Gaffney,	“	“	28 00
Edward Mace,	“	“	2 00
Wm. R. French,	“	“	18 95
J. G. Holbrook,	“	“	4 57
J. S. Lord,	“	“	20 75
Alford Jones,	“	“	22 00
F. E. Sheer,	“	“	20 41
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			\$1,233 61

EXPENSES OF SUPPORTING THE POOR.

H. J. Plummer, for board of David Page from October 26, to March 1, 1869,	\$69 00
Wm. Cada, for boarding J. S. Clogston's children, six weeks and three days,	19 00
Samuel Gardner, board and attendance of Nancy Houston from March 1, 1869, to May 7, 1869,	42 00
Daniel Barnard, paying Nancy Barnard's funeral expenses,	27 37
Daniel Barnard, paying Frank Campbell's board 26 weeks,	26 00
Daniel Barnard, money advanced to pay board, medical attendance and funeral expenses of J. S. Vose,	162 60
Daniel Barnard, money advanced to pay for board of John George, from March 1, 1869, to May 20, 1869,	48 00
C. H. Moore, clothing for David Cheeney,	14 36
Daniel Barnard, paid E. Snow, for board and medicine for David Cheeney,	168 85
Daniel Barnard, paid Columbus Wyman, extra care, and funeral expenses of John George,	50 00
Dr. W. W. Wilkins, med. att. on David Cheeney,	13 00

Daniel Barnard, money paid Adam Gardner for board of Cada children,	156 00	
Daniel Barnard, paid Samuel Gardner, keeping transient persons,	2 50	
H. S. Plummer, support of David Page from March 1, 1869, to March 1, 1870,	50 00	
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		\$848 68

AMOUNT of money assessed upon the polls and rateable estate of residents and non-residents in the town of Bedford for the year 1869.

State tax,	2,466 00	
County tax,	691 37	
Town tax,	5,000 00	
School tax,	1,027 50	
Highway tax,	500 00	
Dog tax,	69 00	
School house taxes in two districts,	200 00	
Percentage,	476 53	
Whole amount assessed in 1869,	<hr/>	\$10,430 40

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

District No. 4,	75 00
District No. 7,	125 00

PROPORTION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

School District No. 1	111 12
“ “ “ 2	151 75
“ “ “ 3	138 68

School District No.	4	178 68
"	"	5 78 32
"	"	6 104 05
"	"	7 119 42
"	"	8 116 45
"	"	9 69 33
"	"	10 92 82
"	"	11 38 79
"	"	12 59 41
"	"	13 24 78
		<hr/> \$1,283 60

SCHOOL TAX IN 1869 WAS RAISED AS FOLLOWS:

School tax,	1,027 50	
Literary fund,	44 18	
Rail Road tax,	211 92	
		<hr/> 1,283 60

Total amount of orders drawn since March 13, 1869.

Incidental expenses,	4,547 87	
Highways and Bridges,	1,233 61	
Support of paupers,	848 68	
Amount,	<hr/>	6,630 16
Whole amount assessed,	10,430 40	
In the hands of Treasurer March 1st, 1869,	3,095 89	
		13,526 29
Money paid out,		6,630 16
		<hr/> 6,896 13
Amount of town notes due	11,870 25	
Deduct money in treasury,	3,750 17	
		120 08
Deduct in'st p'd in advance to Amoskeag bank,		28 00
		<hr/> 8,092 08

Estimated amount due on outstanding orders, town officers &c.,	600 00
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	8,692 08
Town debt as per last report,	11,470 49
Decrease of town debt,	2,778 41

TOWN NOTES DUE MARCH 1, 1870.

To whom due.	Date of Note.	Principal.	Int. due.	Amount.
Eugene Gage.	March 1, 1870.	\$ 298 30.		\$ 298 30.
Edward Gage.	“ “	298 30.		298 30
C. H. Moore.	Sept. 1, 1869.	600 00.	24 00.	624 00
“ “	Jan. 24, 1870.	600 00.	4 88.	604 88
B. Nichols.	Feb. 12, 1870.	283 70.	1 13.	284 83
Nathaniel Flint.	March 22, 1866.	1,000 00.	120 42.	1,120 42
Mrs. Carley,	Nov. 12, 1866.	602 00.	10 83.	612 83
P. T. Campbell.	Nov. 5, 1866.	100 00.	21 36.	121 36
G. Nevins,	Nov. 22, 1867.	2,500 00.	53 33.	2,553 33
S. Chandler, heirs.	Feb. 13, 1870.	3,000 00.	12 00.	3,012 00
G. Nevins.	Sept. 1, 1868.	1,000 00.	40 00.	1,040 00
*Amoskeag Bank.	Oct. 20, 1866.	1,300 00.		1,300 00

* Interest paid up to July 20, 1870, 287 95. 11,870 20

It will be seen by this report that the town debt taken as reported last year, has been reduced two thousand seven hundred seventy-eight dollars and forty-one cents; but there was a note held by Mrs. Harriet E. Mace, which was not reported last year. This note, which amounted to four hundred and forty-six dollars, has been paid, which added to the other notes which have been paid amounts to three thousand two hundred twenty-four dollars and forty-one cents, which is the actual amount which the town debt has been reduced the past year.

CHARLES H. MOORE,	} Selectmen of Bedford.
SAMUEL E. MORRISON,	
HORACE HOLBROOK.	

March 1, 1870.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In conformity with law, the following report on the condition of Schools in this town for the year ending March 1870, is herewith respectfully submitted.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer term, teacher Miss Mary A. Damon,
 Winter " " the same.

	Sum. term.	Win. term.
Number of weeks,	10	9
" scholars,	18	13
" " in Reading,	18	13
" " in Spelling,	18	13
" " in Penmanship,	10	13
" " in Arithmetic,	16	13
" " in Grammar,	6	
" " in Geography,	9	
" " in Algebra,	1	

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer term, teacher Mrs. Eliza A. Stevens,
 Winter term, " the same,

Number of weeks,	10	14
" scholars,	20	28
" " in Reading,	20	28
" " in Spelling,	20	28
" " in Penmanship,	12	19
" " in Arithmetic,	18	24
" " in Grammar,	6	12
" " in Geography,	4	7
" " in History,	1	2
" " in Algebra,	1	

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer term, teacher Miss Ida A. Leighton.

Winter term, " the same.

	Sum. term.	Wint. term.
Number of weeks,	12	12
" scholars,	11	11
" " in Reading,	11	11
" " in Spelling,	11	11
" " in Penmanship,	6	7
" " in Arithmetic,	5	8
" " in Grammar,	3	2
" " in Geography,	5	4
" " in Composition and Rhetoric,	1	1
" " in Physical Geography,	1	1
" " in Algebra,	1	1

This winter school was abbreviated on account of the teacher's engagements in another school. The balance of unexpended money was used for a supplementary school taught by Miss Emma F. Bean with substantially the same number of scholars and studies. No. of weeks, 5

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer term, teacher Miss Sarah M. Foster.

Autumn term, " the same.

Winter term, " the same.

	Sum. term.	Aut. term.	Win. term.
Number of weeks,	10	10	11
" scholars,	31	36	37
" " in Reading,	31	36	37
" " in Spelling,	31	36	37
" " in Penmanship,	18	11	55
" " in Arithmetic,	21	24	29
" " in Grammar,	7	11	17
" " in Geography,	16	18	22
" " in Composition,	0	8	10

		Sum. term.	Aut. term.	Win. term.
"	" in History,	4	7	8
"	" in Philosophy,	3	4	4
"	" in Physiology,			2
"	" in Book-keeping,			3

The area having been increased and a substantial fence erected last summer, thereby presenting a marked improvement to this school house.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer term, teacher Miss Emma J. Hodgman,

Winter term, teacher Miss Abbie A. Patten,

		Sum. term.	Win. term.
Number of weeks,		8	8
"	scholars,	13	21
"	" in Reading,	13	21
"	" in Spelling,	13	21
"	" in Penmanship,	9	13
"	" in Arithmetic,	12	20
"	" in Grammar,	9	11
"	" in Geography,	6	4
"	" in Composition,		3
"	" in Algebra,		2

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer term, teacher Miss Alice Bird French,

Winter term, teacher Mrs. Fannie A. Averill,

Number of weeks,		8	16
"	scholars,	10	18
"	" in Reading,	10	18
"	" in Spelling,	10	18
"	" in Penmanship,	1	8
"	" in Arithmetic,	10	12
"	" in Grammar,	2	4
"	" in Geography,	2	5

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DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer term, teacher Miss Alice G. Lord,

Winter term, teacher Miss Martha R. Butterfield,

	Sum, term.	Win. term.
Number of weeks,	10	10
“ scholars,	20	22
“ “ in Penmanship,	9	15
“ “ in Arithmetic,	14	20
“ “ in Grammar,	2	1
“ “ in Geography,	8	10
“ “ in Book-keeping,		1
“ “ in Rhetoric,		1

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer term, teacher, Miss Sarah E. Tinker,

Winter term, “ Mary A. Campbell,

Number of weeks,	8	12
“ scholars,	24	29
“ “ in Reading,	24	29
“ “ in Spelling,	24	29
“ “ in Penmanship,	8	23
“ “ in Arithmetic,	18	24
“ “ in Grammar,	1	2
“ “ in Geography,	9	15

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer term, teacher, Miss Lucy A. Burns,

Winter term, “ Miss. Jennie McDole.

Number of weeks,	7	12
“ scholars,	9	17
“ “ in Reading,	9	17
“ “ in Spelling,	9	17
“ “ in Penmanship,	6	9
“ “ in Arithmetic,	6	15
“ “ in Grammar,	4	5
“ “ in Geography,	2	7

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DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer term, teacher, Mrs. Annie S. Goffe,
 Winter term, teacher, Miss Laura E. Cutler,

	Sum. term.	Win. term.
Number of weeks,	7	7
“ scholars,	23	13
“ “ in Reading,	23	13
“ “ in Spelling,	23	13
“ “ in Penmanship,	10	4
“ “ in Arithmetic,	17	11
“ “ in Grammar,	9	4
“ “ in Geography,	12	11

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Summer term, teacher, Miss Annice G. Kendall.
 Winter term, the same.

Number of weeks,	9	9
“ scholars,	11	22
“ “ in Reading,	11	22
“ “ in Spelling,	11	22
“ “ in Penmanship,	9	17
“ “ in Arithmetic,	8	13
“ “ in Grammar,	0	4
“ “ in Geography,	6	10
“ “ in History,	2	4

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Summer term, teacher, Miss Hattie E. Bailey.
 Winter term, the same.

Number of weeks,	7	14
“ scholars,	10	11
“ “ in Reading,	10	11
“ “ in Writing,	10	11
“ “ in Penmanship,	4	4
“ “ in Arithmetic,	10	10
“ “ in Grammar,	2	2
“ “ in Geography,	4	6

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Summer term, teacher, Miss Ardell B. Taylor.
 Winter term, " Miss Josie A. Holmes.

			Summer term.	Winter term.
Number of weeks,			9	8
"	scholars,		8	13
"	"	in Reading,	8	13
"	"	in Spelling,	8	13
"	"	in Penmanship,	4	10
"	"	in Arithmetic,	7	10
"	"	in Grammar,	2	2
"	"	in Geography,	5	5

Question—How many children are there in each district, between the ages of four and fourteen years, who have not attended school? *Answer*—I state as appears by register, to wit:

District No. 3, one in summer term. District No. 6, five in summer term. District No. 7, six in summer term and two in winter term. District No. 8, four in winter term. District No. 9, three in summer term. District No. 10, two in summer term and one in winter.

Question—What number of persons are there in each district between the ages of 14 and 21, who cannot read and write? *Answer*—I have no knowledge of any such persons living in any district in this town.

REMARKS.

Good order has been maintained in the several schools, and I have had no official call to settle any difficulty.

The scholars were inclined to be interested, and at the close of schools, it appeared they had made good progress in the various studies.

It is not proposed to perform the invidious task of making nice discriminations as to the merits of teachers, but take pleasure however, in stating that all of the teachers evinced fidelity, tact and

energy, and in every way gave good satisfaction in the discharge of their respective duties.

Much is expected of our teachers and scholars in the present generation. In former days this town was not unmindful of the education of her youth. I point to the record that she has furnished four persons (natives of this town,) within about the last half century, who have been and are members of Congress, viz : Hon. Benjamin Orr, from Maine, Hon. Thomas Chandler, of this State, Hon. Zachariah Chandler, from Michigan, and the Hon. David Atwood, from Wisconsin. Joseph E. Worcester, L. L. D., the renowned lexicographer, was born in this town, (district No. 12,) and worked at farming until manhood, when he commenced his literary labors, compiling besides his dictionary, several important books adapted to schools, and having spent a long and busy life almost entirely on works of educational interests, he died in 1865.

Others in this connection might be named, who in the various pursuits in life have met distinction.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footsteps on the sands of time.

"Foot-prints that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's troubled main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother
Seeing, shall take heart again."

In conclusion, permit me to give as the first regular sentiment, "Bedford, in the future as in the past, may her quota be always kept well filled."

Thanking you for the confidence reposed in me for this responsible position, I would respectfully decline further service in this capacity.

ISAAC N. RIDDLE, Committee.

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